GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL AND MINES
LOK SABHA

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OUTSTANDING ARREARS OF CIL
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Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether arrears of Crore of rupees of Coal India Limited are outstanding against the Power Ministry.

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons for the non- payment of the arrears; and

(c) the measures taken or proposed to be taken for the recovery of outstanding arrears?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF COAL & MINES (SUSHREE UMA BHARATI)

(a) & (b): The outstanding coal sale dues of the power sector as on 31.10.02 is Rs.6024.40 crores. The details are given in Annexure. The reasons for accumulation of such dues are as under:

(i) Poor financials of the power sector is one of the main reasons for the accumulation of coal sale outstanding dues. Most of the State Electricity Boards (SEBs)/Power Utilities (PUs) are cash starved and are unable to pay their dues relating to the coal supplies .

(ii) Disputes relating to the venue of sampling, weighment and others also attribute to accumulation of disputed dues against which payments have not been received by the coal companies of CIL .

(c) The measures taken for recovery of outstanding arrears are as under:

(i) In order to clear the accumulated dues of the power sector for the period upto 30.9.02 Scheme for Securitisation of such dues has been sanctioned by the Government and the Scheme is already in operation. Admitted dues of Rupees 1914.13 crores of the power sector have already been referred to the Ministry of Power for securitisation .

(ii) All the disputes like venue of sampling, weighment and others were resolved jointly by Ministry of Power and Ministry of Coal in the year 1997. Draft Fuel Supply agreement was prepared by CIL and Council of Power Utilities (CPU) for implementation of all such settlements regarding disputed issues. However, most of the SEBs have not entered into such agreements with coal companies mainly due to their reluctance to follow the agreed payment mechanisms. During 2002, Central Electricity Authority (CEA) has circulated another draft Fuel Supply Agreement and the coal companies of CIL and the SEBs/PUs are in the process of finalising such Fuel Supply Agreements.
An Accelerated Power Development & Reforms Programme (APDRP) has been put in place by the Government to restore the financial viability of the power sector for avoiding any further accumulation of coal sale dues amongst others.

ANNEXURE
STATEMENT OF COAL SALE OUTSTANDING DUES OF THE POWER SECTOR AS ON 31.10.2002

(Rs. in crores)

Name of SEBs/Power Utilities	Disputed outstanding dues	Undisputed outstanding dues	Total
Bihar State Electricity Board	33.43	204.31	237.74
Jharkhand State Electricity Board	-	-1.00	-1.00
Uttar Pradesh Vidyut Utpadan Nigam Ltd	22.05	359.21	381.26
Punjab State Electricity Board	194.41	71.94	266.35
Tamil Nadu State Electricity Board	183.92	265.53	449.45
Haryana Power Generation Corpn.Ltd	0.04	24.31	24.35
Rajasthan Vidyut Utpadan Nigam	16.09	78.64	94.73

Ltd.			
Maharashtra State Electricity Board	408.14	95.62	503.76
Madhya Pradesh State Electricity Board	233.11	910.49	1143.60
Chattisgarh State Electricity Board	7.29	26.39	33.68
Gujarat State Electricity Board	10.05	442.45	452.50
W. Bengal State Electricity Board	4.11	-	4.11
West Bengal Power Development Corpn.Ltd.	27.57	1103.87	1131.44
Andhra Pradesh Power Generation Corporation	-	-0.14	-0.14
Assam State Electricity Board	-	-0.01	-0.01
Karnataka Power Generation Corporation Ltd.	-	1.62	1.62
Durgapur Power Ltd.	1.86	251.87	253.73
Damodar Valley Corporation	84.74	14.65	99.39
Delhi Vidyut Board	4.79	-0.79	4.00
Badarpur Thermal Power Station	267.31	284.97	552.28
National Thermal Power Corporation	219.95	124.00	343.95
Central Electric Supply Corporation	0.68	16.50	17.18
Tenughat Thermal Power Station	-	24.07	24.07
Orissa Power Generation Corporation Ltd.	6.80	5.35	12.15
Others	0.21	- 6.00	- 5.79
Total: Power Sector	1726.56	4297.85	6024.40